

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-12, 14-17 and 25-29 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 34-68 as follows:

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3 34. (New) A method for establishing an electrical connection to or in a hearing
4 apparatus comprising the step of establishing said electrical connection by assembling a
series capacitor by assembling one part comprising one capacitor plate to a second part
comprising another capacitor plate.

1 35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of assembling
2 said series capacitor by exploiting a part of a casing of said hearing apparatus as a
3 dielectricum of said capacitor.

CI 1 36. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising selecting a material of
2 said part of said casing to be equal to a material of said casing adjacent to said part of said
3 casing.

1 37. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of mechanically
2 holding said capacitor together magnetically.

1 38. (New) The method of claim 37, further comprising automatically aligning
2 said one and second parts by establishing magnetically said holding.

1 39. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of establishing
2 said electrical connection to a cable from said hearing apparatus.

1 40. (New) The method of claim 34, thereby establishing said connection from
2 said hearing apparatus to a one-lead electrical cable.

1 41. (New) The method of claim 34, thereby establishing via said connection a
2 connection to an optical cable.

1 42. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of establishing
2 by said connection electric contact to an individual's body carrying said hearing
3 apparatus, thereby selecting the individual's body as one capacitor plate.

1 43. (New) The method of claim 42, thereby applying via said connection a
2 reference potential to electronics within said apparatus.

1 44. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said hearing apparatus is a hearing
2 aid apparatus.

1 45. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said hearing apparatus is an in-the-
2 ear hearing apparatus or an outside-the-ear hearing apparatus.

1 46. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said hearing apparatus is an
2 earphone apparatus.

1 47. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising establishing a connection

2 from said hearing apparatus to a remote transmitter module via said connection.

1 48. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of establishing
2 by said connection a connection from said hearing apparatus to a remote programming
3 unit.

1 49. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of establishing
2 via said connection an operational link from said hearing apparatus to a second hearing
3 apparatus.

1 50. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of providing
2 transmission of digital signals through said connection.

1 51. (New) A hearing apparatus with a detachable electric connection, said
2 connection comprising a capacitance, a part of a casing of said hearing apparatus forming
3 a dielectricum of said capacitance, and further comprising one plate of said capacitance
4 adjacent said part.

1 52. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said part is of a material which is
2 equal to a material of said casing adjacent said part.

1 53. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said electric connection is a
2 connection to the outside of said hearing apparatus.

1 54. (New) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said electric connection is a
2 connection to one of a cable and of a body of an individual carrying said apparatus.

1 55. (New) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said cable is a one-lead cable.

1 56. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said electrical connection is
2 operationally connected to an optical cable.

1 57. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said electric connection is
2 detachably held together by means of cooperating magnetic parts.

1 58. (New) The apparatus of claim 57, further comprising guiding members
2 ensuring proper alignment of said capacitance when establishing said electric connection.

1 59. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said part forming said dielectricum
2 has a surface exposed to ambient whenever said detachable electric connection is
3 detached.

1 60. (New) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein said surface of said part is flush
2 with an outer surface of said casing adjacent said part.

1 61. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein said apparatus comprises a contact
2 electrode exposed to ambient at an area of said hearing apparatus contacting a human
3 body when carried by an individual and wherein said electrode is a reference potential

4 electrode for electronics of said hearing apparatus.

1 62. (New) The apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said detachable
2 connection establishes an electric connection to a one-lead cable connectable to a second
3 hearing apparatus and wherein there is provided at said one apparatus a reference
4 potential electrode at an outer surface of said casing contacting a human body.

1 63. (New) The apparatus of claim 62, wherein said reference potential electrode
2 comprises a capacitance plate, a dielectrical material covering said plate and having a
3 surface exposed to ambient.

1 64. (New) The apparatus of claim 51 being a hearing aid apparatus.

1 65. (New) The apparatus of claim 51 being an outside-the-ear or an inside-the-ear
2 hearing apparatus.

1 66. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising a remote transmitter
2 module operationally connectable to said hearing apparatus via said detachable
3 connection.

1 67. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising a remote control unit
2 for said hearing apparatus being connectable to said hearing apparatus via said detachable
3 connection.

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68. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising a second hearing apparatus, said one and said second apparatus being interconnected via said detachable connection.
